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The Honorable Al McKee, Chair
Skamania County Board of Health
P.O. Box 790
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Dear Commissioner McKee,

On May 10, the Washington State Board of Health will be holding one of its regular meetings at Dolce Skamania Lodge. I am writing as chair of the Board to invite you and the other commissioners who serve as the Skamania County Board of Health to address our Board.

The State Board of Health is committed to meeting at locations around the state as part of its effort to be accessible to and responsive to all of Washington. We regularly invite local elected officials, members of local boards of health, or local public health leaders to welcome the Board and to discuss issues of local concern.

In the last year, the Board has also been arranging visits with local boards of health so it can hear firsthand about local priorities, concerns, and successes. Our goal is to meet with roughly half the state's local boards of health each year. The visits take three forms—sending a State Board of Health member to address a regularly scheduled local board meeting, convening the State Board and the local board for a joint work session on a topic of mutual interest, or inviting local board members to attend a meeting of the State Board so that members of the two boards have an opportunity for discussion.

I believe the May 10 meeting would provide an excellent opportunity for either a joint meeting or a discussion between the two boards as part of our regular agenda. Our Board would be interested in anything you and your members would have to say but I know one of our interests is how the dissolution of Southwest Washington Health District might have affected the delivery of public health services in Skamania County.

Thank you for considering this invitation. To accept, offer regrets, or discuss format and other specifics, please contact Craig McLaughlin, Acting Executive Director, at (360) 236-4106 or craig.mclaughlin@doh.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda Lake, Chair
Washington State Board of Health